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DOLLAR SILVER A CERTAINTY

DOLLAR silver for at least a year is a certainty. Senator Key Pittman is to be congratulated by all those that have the welfare of the west at heart. The silver bill that he introduced passed the house yesterday at 4 o'clock as announced by the Bonanza and in all probability it will be signed today by the president before the Bonanza is issued. The passage of the bill means much to Nevada and to all other silver producing states. It marks but one of the onward steps in the mining industry, and in the mining of silver especially. It will stabilize and free silver from market manipulations for many months to come. It will also take from London brokers the power they have had in the past of arbitrarily fixing the price of silver. It will establish a precedent in the United States for the regulation of the price of the white metal in this country that it is hoped will never be abandoned. It will give a greater use to silver for money purposes. It will likewise justify a greater development of present mines that are producing the white metal, will cause the reopening of many old mines that were abandoned when silver was demonetized and will also give a greater impetus to the prospecting for new mines.

Senator Pittman did not tackle an easy job when he introduced the bill. At each step it was an uphill fight. It required that he get the approval of the secretary of the treasury. It required also the approval of the director of the mint. There was also the war export board to convince and after all these had been convinced that the bill was for the best interests of the country there were those chronic obstructionists that are always found criticizing any measure. Negotiations were carried on for weeks at Washington and Senator Pittman was loyally supported by many of the western senators. Some, however, that should have given the bill their hearty support, were lukewarm in their attitudes. The convincing of Oscar Straus, representing the war export board, and who is an eastern banker, required not oratory but facts and figures of a very real nature. The incontrovertible facts and statistics furnished, however, in the end convinced even Mr. Straus that \$1 per ounce was not too much to pay for silver. There is every reason to believe that silver will reach a still higher level than the \$1 per ounce mark. This was reflected in the New York market yesterday where the metal sold up to 99 1/4 cents upon the receipt of the news that the house committee on banking and currency had approved the measure. The demand from both China and India grows stronger each day. Nor is production keeping pace with consumption. Silver is being used to a greater extent in the arts today than ever before. It is needed both here and abroad in ever increasing quantities. It is not too much to expect that the stocks of the silver producing mines will also show in the very near future a much greater demand. The future of the white metal seems bright indeed.

CONFIDENT OF FUTURE FOR MINING

CONFIDENT that mining is facing one of the greatest revivals that has ever been known in the history of the industry and that Nevada, producing as it does practically every mineral of any commercial importance, will be the mecca of capital for the development of its many meritorious mines as well as prospects. W. C. Ralston returns after an absence of many years. He will locate in Reno. Mr. Ralston, who was United States assistant treasurer of the sub-treasury at San Francisco, and who is a man well versed in finances and in mining and metallurgical lines is convinced regarding the bright future of the state. W. C. Ralston, his father, was one of the pioneer Comstock mining men and bankers and the son has been identified during the greater portion of his busy career with the mining and metallurgical industry. He is of the opinion that many new camps will be discovered due to the fact that more prospectors are now scouring the hills than ever before. Old camps that would not pay under old methods will be revived by the introduction of modern methods in both mining and in metallurgical lines.

This, tending as it does to bring about in mining and metallurgy the same efficiency that is found in large manufacturing lines, in other words, getting the maximum return for the minimum outlay, is today arousing throughout the money centers of the east a keener interest for mining among capitalists and in the opinion of Mr. Ralston, will result in the near future in bringing them to Nevada. There is plenty of capital throughout the east eager to invest in legitimate mining propositions that will withstand examination by competent engineers. Nevada is preeminently a silver producing state. Never before in the history of the white metal has there been such a demand for it as at present. It naturally follows that capitalists wishing to invest money are scanning the silver producing districts of the world. And it also follows that Nevada is being closely scrutinized. The state today faces a future far brighter than anything it has experienced in the past which is saying a great deal.

THE SMILEAGE IDEA

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An idle brain is the Kaiser's strategy board in the United States.—Houston Post.

There are reasons to believe Von Hindenburg's hero days are numbered.—Birmingham Ledger.

"Germanistic sections" in this country these days are about as popular as poison gas.—Pittsburgh Post.

NOTES ON SPORTING EVENTS

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Freak games during the second week in which batsmen tore loose against the pitchers and scored runs mounting into two figures served to increase the batting averages of many of the players in the Pacific Coast league and there are as many .600 per cent batters now as there are .300 per cent batters in mid-season. It is the usual thing for the batsman to run riot during the earlier part of the season for it is not until the warmer weather sets in that the pitchers begin to get properly worked up and get into their stride. With the moundmen gradually limbering up and getting the ball under control as the result of practice, the averages of the batsmen will suffer correspondingly.

That there are exception to this, however, was demonstrated last season. Fitzgerald, Rath and Tobia, who finished the season at the top of the Pacific coast batting lists, maintained a consistent average practically throughout the season. Fitzgerald started out with a percentage of .300 and ended with a figure in excess of .330. Rath started with .333 and ended with less than a dozen points below this figure.

In Casey Smith, San Francisco has found a pitcher who is the exception to the proverbially weak hitting moundman. Smith led the Seals in batting at the end of the second week with a percentage of .348 with eight base hits as the result of twenty-three times at bat.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Local golfers recently were treated here to a surprise in the "come back" of D. P. Fredericks, who won the golf championship of northern California after being out of tournament play for several years. Fredericks' victory was the more remarkable by reason of the fact that his opponent was fighting an uphill game.

(By Associated Press) VALLEJO, Cal., April 23.—While wrestling, boxing, football and other champions in the navy have been of common occurrence in the past, the claim of Leonard Lee, a sailor stationed at the Mare Island navy yard near here, as the champion three-cushion billiard player of the navy is considered unique. That he is an adept with the cue is attested by the fact that runs of five and six are of frequent occurrence with him.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Marathon swims and long distance hikes in which the young women of California compete for both glory and prizes are not the only activities indulged in to test their qualities of endurance. Mrs. Leslie Hables has just been credited with twelve hours of continuous bowling during which time she rolled seventy-two games. She averaged a score of 185.2 and knocked down 11,392 pins. Friends of Mrs. Hables claim that this is a record for women.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—The high board fence at right field of Recreation park here is productive of many a hit which, with a clear field would allow of the fielder getting under and catching. This fence was considerable aid to "Bunny" Brief in 1916 when he made his record of thirty-three home runs in the season of 1916. The present day batter, however, does not enjoy the chances that were Brief's. Since the reconstruction of the park last season a high wire netting surmounts the board wall which requires a terrific drive to clear.

DAY'S WORLD WAR NEWS GENERALIZED

(By Associated Press) Events along the battle line in France and Belgium seem to be shaping themselves for a resumption of the great German offensive. Since the savage attack on the American forces at Seicheprey on Saturday there has been no fighting of an extraordinary nature along the front, but there have been indications that the Teutons are almost ready to resume the sledge hammer blows they have been aiming at the allied armies.

Unless recent operations have been feints, it is probable that the coming week will witness two great turning movements by the Germans. One probably will pivot on the village of Robecq, northwest of Bethune, on the southern side of the salient driven into the allied lines back of Armentieres. The other is expected to develop at or near Mesnil, north of Albert on the north side of the Somme salient.

The purpose of these movements will be to cut deep into the allied lines on each side of the promontory that projects out into German held territory and terminates on the old Arras-Lens front. The Germans have attempted two great frontal attacks on the defenses of Lens and Arras, but they have been repulsed with terrible losses to the attackers. These losses were inflicted upon the enemy before he reached the stronger allied positions in that sector and since the second defeat at Festubert and Givenchy, the Germans have not cared to take up the task of driving the Canadians from their positions along Vimy ridge and on each end of that great natural bulwark before Arras.

If successful attacks were to be launched by the Germans at Robecq and Mesnil, the British might be forced to withdraw from Arras without having a chance to defend their positions there.

Heavy artillery fire at both places has been reported and a local attack at Mesnil showed that the Germans were capable at that point of resuming offensive operations. Along the line of the Ypres southwest of Ypres, on the northern front, there has not been any notable fighting, nor have the Germans essayed the breaking of the Belgian line north of Ypres since King Albert's men smashed a great assault on that part of the front.

South of Albert, at Villers-Bretonneux, there has been a continuous artillery duel for the last two days and a German attack there may be expected soon. On the line held by the French from Albert south to Montdidier and thence east to the old battle line there has been lively artillery fighting.

The attacks on the Americans at Seicheprey east of St. Mihiel, now appear to have been a carefully planned operation which had as its object the piercing of the American lines, or perhaps the splitting of the American and French forces which are holding adjacent positions there. It met with defeat, however, and the line was denied by the fury of the Teuton attack, has again been restored.

Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of

the British exchequer, has introduced in parliament the Budget bill for the coming year. Great Britain's expenditures for the period covered by the measure are estimated at about \$14,860,985,000, of which approximately \$4,210,250,000 will be raised by taxation, leaving a balance of nearly \$10,650,735,000 to be borrowed. At the end of the present year the national debt of Great Britain will be about \$29,900,000,000 of which \$8,160,000,000 will be due to her from her allies. Up to the present the United States, according to a statement by Mr. Law, has advanced about \$4,750,000,000 to the entente nations.

BASEBALL GAMES

EASTERN GAMES

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, April 23.—Walter Johnson lost his third straight game of the season here yesterday when Philadelphia bunched hits with errors in the sixth inning and defeated Washington 5 to 1. Johnson struck out seven men.

(By Associated Press) PHILADELPHIA, April 23.—Oeschger twirled his first game of the season yesterday, blanking Brooklyn 3 to 0. No two of Brooklyn's hits came in the same inning, and despite Philadelphia's three errors, he was never in danger except in the eighth, when he issued two bases on balls. This was the only time Brooklyn had more than one man on base. The locals bunched six of their seven hits off Grimes in the first and third innings. Oeschger started the scoring in the third with a single to right.

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, April 23.—Detroit bunched its hits behind Chicago erratic fielding and easily defeated the locals 7 to 3. James, although wild at times, kept Chicago hits well scattered while his team-mates gave him good support in the pinches. Eddie Collins, by playing yesterday, tied the major league record for playing in consecutive games—472. The record was made by Sam Crawford of the Detroit club. Crawford's record follows: 153 games in 1913; 157 in 1914; 156 in 1915, and the first six games in 1916. Collins' record started in 1914 when with the Philadelphia Americans he played in the last three games. He has not missed a game since.

(By Associated Press) CINCINNATI, April 23.—Cincinnati even matters up with Chicago here yesterday by winning the second game of the series 3 to 2. Walker and Vaughn were hit in timely fashion while Schneider was good in the pinches, but wild. Both Schneider and Wingo kicked on a called strike in the seventh and Umpire Harrison ordered both to the bench. Roush carried off the prelude hitting honors with four safeties out of four times up. The deciding run was scored by Cincinnati in the seventh when Roush singled, stole second, went to third on Day's wild throw and scored on Chase's single.

(By Associated Press) CLEVELAND, April 23.—Cleveland made it two out of three from St. Louis yesterday, winning 3 to 1. Coveleskie, pitching his second victory of the season, held his opponents to five hits, Nunamaker's triple saving St. Louis from a shutout. Chapman's base running, Roth's bat-

ting and Wambagans' fielding featured the contest. Chapman scored four runs, drawing two passes, making two hits and stealing three bases.

(By Associated Press) BOSTON, April 23.—Mogridge stopped Boston's winning streak after it had reached six, by letting down Barrow's men with eight hits, New York winning 11 to 4. Not until the ninth inning did a Boston player single outside the infield. New York knocked Leonard out of the box in the fourth and hit Jones freely for the balance of the game.

Baker had a perfect day at bat, doubling twice, getting two singles and registering a sacrifice fly on his other appearance at bat. Manager Huggins of New York shifted his batting order for the game. After three errorless games Boston today erred four times.

(By Associated Press) ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Hamilton outpitched Packard and Pittsburgh won the opening game of the series here yesterday 5 to 1. Hamilton also got two hits, his first single driving in McKeechnie, who had tripled, with Pittsburgh's first run. The visitors made three in the seventh when, after two were out, Smith lost Carey's drive in the sun and the ball sailed over his head for a home run. Schmidt and Hamilton scoring ahead of Carey. A single in the ninth saved the locals from a shutout.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, April 23.—The New York Giants remained the only undefeated team in the major leagues when they won from Boston here yesterday 4 to 2. Burns broke the tie score in the eighth inning when he hit a home run in the right field stand with Kauff on base.

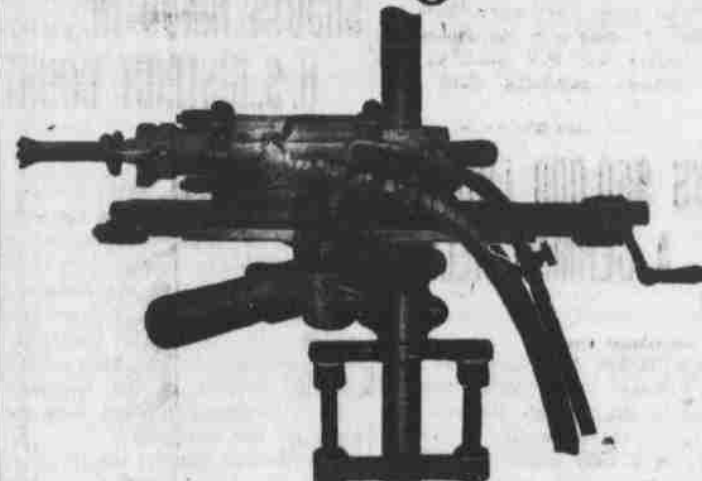
Boston knocked Barnes, the former Brave pitcher, out of the box in the first inning, but Teareau held the visitors in check.

PHYSICIANS LACKING

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, April 23.—More than two-thirds of all German physicians are with the colors and about 2000 of them after their return will have to start all over again, said Dr. Lieber, in the Prussian house of deputies recently, according to German newspapers received here.

UNION MEN SUBSCRIBERS

(By Associated Press) SEATTLE, Wash., April 23.—Seattle shipbuilders, numbering approximately 17,000, have purchased \$50,000 of third Liberty loan bonds through their union, the Boilermakers and Iron Ship Builders' local No. 164.

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